

REV DAILY DEVOTIONAL

This is Living: Living and Love (1 John 2:12 - 17)

Begin your time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to lead you in truth and teach you through God's Word. As you complete each devotional, ask God that you would not be just a hearer of the Word but a doer also. (James 1:22) Be in continual prayer for those around you who do not yet love Jesus.

Monday

Read 1 John 2:12 - 17 in ESV and NIV

1. What do we learn about God?
 - A. -Look for God's *character* (who he is, what he is like).
 - B. -Look for God's *conduct* (what he is doing).
 - C. -Look for God's *concerns* (what things, events, people, he is concerned about).
2. What do we learn about people?
 - A. -Look for aspects of what it means to be *created in God's image*.
 - B. -Look for the *fallen condition*.
 - C. -Look for *how God's people should live*.
3. What do we learn about relating to God?
 - A. -Look for things to *praise and thank God for*.
 - B. -Look for sin to *confess and repent*.
 - C. -Look for *promises and truths to believe*.
4. What do we learn about relating to others?
 - A. -Look for how we should *interact with and treat others*.
 - B. -Look for ways to *pursue reconciliation with others*.
 - C. -Look for specific ways to *love, serve, and care for others*.

Tuesday

Read 1 John 2:12 - 17 in ESV and NIV

"Those who truly love and follow Christ must not fall in love with the things of this world, but rather with the Father who gives them everything they need." - Daniel L. Akin

1. Why do you think Paul says in verse 12 you are saved for "His name sake?" What implication is the apostle making?
2. In the transition John makes in verse 12 why does he begin with reminding the church he is writing to that they are forgiven?
3. *Use these four questions to help bring application to today's passage.*
 1. What does God want me to *think/understand*?
 2. What does God want me to *believe*?
 3. What does God want me to *desire*?
 4. What does God want me to *do*?

Wednesday

Read 1 John 2:12 - 17 in ESV and NIV

"We must recognize that turning even good things into 'god' things becomes a bad thing. It is to give your love to a lesser lover— one who can never satisfy, who can never give you what you truly need." - Daniel L. Akin

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1. In 1 John 2:15-17 what is the warning John is laying out?
2. Is it shocking that God hates certain things? Could that be shocking for other people you may know?
3. "The desires of the flesh appeal to our appetites. 'Desires' means cravings, lust, or passion." (Akin) Is there anything in your life that you can identify that would fall under the category of a desire that appeals to the flesh?
4. What is John's remedy for those desires that appeal to the flesh?

Thursday

Read 1 John 2:12 - 17 in ESV and NIV

Read also 1 John 5:3 & Matthew 4:1-11

"If you try to satisfy your longing by sucking in the air of the world, you will not be able to drink the water of heaven." -John Piper

1. In what sense can a follower of Jesus find victory over the evil one? Why is that encouraging?
2. What are ways that you or others have misunderstood the term worldliness? What is the biblical view of worldliness?
3. John could have put his pen down at the end of verse 16. But he doesn't. He adds two more incentives not to love the world. What are those two incentives?
4. What are some things that the world promises to provide but cannot deliver on?
5. What example does Jesus give us to resist and fight against temptation?

Friday

Read 1 John 2:12 - 17 in ESV and NIV and review your answers from this week's questions.

"The benefit of reading must come to the soul by the way of the understanding. . . . The mind must have illumination before the affections can properly rise towards their divine object. . . . There must be knowledge of God before there can be love to God: there must be a knowledge of divine things, as they are revealed, before there can be an enjoyment of them." - John Piper

1. What truths impacted you the most within this week's passage?
2. What aspect of God's character has this passage shown you more clearly?
3. What one step will you take in light of these truths?

Saturday

Read 1 John 2:18 - 27 ESV

"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

- Martin Luther

Catch up on any days you may have missed throughout the week.

Pray for service tomorrow that God would rescue us all from the delusions that we can make it on our own. Pray that our hearts would be flooded by the overwhelming power of God's presence. Pray that God would speak through the preaching of his word, setting the captives free and strengthening our faith. Pray that God would open someone's eyes while the gospel is being preached and for the very first time would come from death to life in Jesus.

